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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 remain in this application. Claim 6 is objected to. Claim 5 is amended herein to clarify the invention.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being rendered obvious by the admitted prior art. Applicant herein respectfully traverses this rejection. For a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) to be sustained, the differences between the features of the combined references and the present invention must be obvious to one skilled in the art.

Claim 5 is now amended to recite that the suction ports are provided at dispersed locations. This provide for a functionality not found in the prior art. Providing the suction ports at dispersed locations allows the unexpected result of permitting one to determine the source of contamination which was not taught nor suggested by the prior art. This subject matter reflects the subject matter of claim 1 which has been found allowable and has been previously presented and therefore does not raise new issues.


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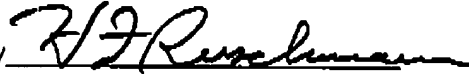
Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the rejected claim is not obvious in view of the cited reference for the reasons stated above. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claim 5 and its allowance are respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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